

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following new paragraph and heading after the title:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a National Phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application No. PCT/IL2003/000878 filed October 24, 2003, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Ser. No. 60/421,272, filed October 25, 2002, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.--

On page 7, please amend the paragraph from lines 20-22 as follows:

--This invention also relates to a dimer steroid compound in which PEG links two, preferably identical, steroid structures, preferably selected from Ia to Id, IIa to IId, [[IIa]] IIIa to IIId, and IVa to IVd.--